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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR  
RATITE (OSTRICH) EGGS EXPORTED FROM  
THE UNITED STATES

Ostrich eggs must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The eggs originate from ostriches found to be healthy and clinically free of infectious diseases which affect the species.  
*Los huevos proceden de animales sanos y libres de enfermedades infectocontagiosas propias a la especie.*
2. The eggs originate from ostriches free of velogenic Newcastle disease.  
*Los huevos se encuentran libres de la enfermedad de Newcastle de presentacion velogenica.*
3. The ostriches supplying the eggs originated from either hatcheries, farms or flocks, states, regions, or a country where during the 12 months prior to shipment, there has been no known evidence, either serological or clinical, or detection by virus isolation, of avian influenza.  
*Las aves de las que se obtuvo los huevos proceden de una planta incubadora o granja, estado, region o pais, donde no se ha detectado evidencia clinica, serologica o aislamiento viral de la influenza aviar durante los doce meses previos al embarque.*
4. The ostriches supplying the eggs originated from either regions, countries, States, flocks, or hatcheries free of avian salmonellosis (*Salmonella pullorum*, *S. gallinarum*).  
*Las aves de las que se obtuvo los huevos proceden de un pais, estado, region o granja productora y/o planta incubadora libre de salmonelosis aviar (Salmonella pullorum, S. gallinarum).*

TESTING

1. Avian influenza: the flock from which the eggs originate must be tested using either the agar gel precipitin (AGP) test or the hemagglutination inhibition test -- at least 30-35 samples within 30 days of export.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.
2. Upon entry, the eggs will be inspected by a Federal veterinarian of the Government of Mexico.
3. The eggs should not be shipped in containers packed with straw, saw-dust, feed or other materials that may harbor ectoparasites. If they are, such packing will be incinerated and/or fumigated.
4. The eggs will be quarantined during the period of incubation at the farm/hatchery of destination (which has received prior approval by the veterinary authorities in Mexico) and the chicks will be observed for 30 days following hatch by an official of the Mexican veterinary authorities.
5. If the species is under the control of Mexican Fish and Wildlife Authorities, such authorities will determine the total number of eggs allowed for entry.